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SHIFTING BLAME FOR DISASTER

Investigation Now Being Conducted at Seattle Into the Foundering of the Clallam Has Developed a Peculiar Bias in Favor of Officers.

Evidence Before Coroner's Jury in This City Continues to Disclose Serious Discrepancies in the Tales as Told in the American City.

The impression is being formed in connection with the disaster to the steamer Clallam that the enquiry now being conducted by the United States Inspectors Turner and Whitney, is being conducted with a bias in favor of the officers of the vessel. A Seattle despatch says that Chief Engineer DeLaunay has been elected as the scapegoat upon whose shoulders the blame is to be placed. A special report from Seattle says that this is the general belief in that city, and on the evidence of the captain and the manner in which the inspectors examined the chief engineer being read by Victorians, the same impression became current in this city. A Seattle despatch says that the demeanor of the inspectors tends to confirm the belief to this effect, for when ever a witness made statements contradictory to those of Capt. Roberts, and others who have taken his side, the inspectors use brow-beating tactics in an apparent effort to have the witness contradict himself. It is Inspector Turner's duty to inspect and see the engines of all boats in the harbor, and in good order, hence he takes every opportunity to discredit the statement of Chief Engineer DeLaunay that the pumps would not work. Whenever witness make statements corroborating DeLaunay the inspectors subjected them to rigid cross-examination.

Purser Frank Freer gave evidence yesterday favoring Capt. Roberts throughout, although he admitted that the passengers had requested the captain to put them on the Holyoke and he would not do so. The purser lauded the captain and said he had been called throughout and had used good judgment. Steward J. R. Watson also gave evidence to this effect and told of giving each passenger a life belt. P. Maddock, fireman, told of the deadlight being broken for some time prior to the disaster, and William Cox, an engineer who had been on a vacation, said the captain and mate had been many times notified that the deadlight was broken. Chief Engineer DeLaunay, when recalled at the second day's session of the Clallam investigation yesterday, announced that he never came on board when he was first upon the stand that he believed the primary cause of the loss of the Clallam could be traced to the engine room deadlight, says the Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

This much-discussed deadlight was located abreast of the engine and boiler room, about eighteen inches, DeLaunay testified, above the water line and perhaps three and one-half feet below the main deck. L. Atkins, an oiler of the Clallam, testified that he closed the sea injection valve and that he knows no one bothered this contrivance thereafter. With equal positiveness Edward Parker, another oiler, testified that he closed the valve and that Atkins was then replacing the water glass in the engine. This statement respecting the water glass in the engine instantly drew Inspector Turner to a half rising posture, with the question: "When that ship was sinking did the chief engineer send a man to fix the water glass on the engine?"

Mr. Turner displayed great earnestness. He had been listening to the examination of the witness as conducted by Capt. Whitney. But with "Excuse me, captain, for a minute," he put his question. Parker replied that the chief had not given such an order; that Atkins took it upon himself and that when DeLaunay discovered what he was doing he told him to come on and help the others of the crew.

Parker and Atkins flatly contradicted each other on another material point respecting the conduct of things in the engine's department, Atkins swearing that he had at least three times removed the cover of the bilge box and that the lid was finally left off altogether. That was the condition of the bilge, he stated, when the Clallam sank.

Parker testified that he stood by the bilge and removed the cover four times, cleaning the box of debris and that when he placed the top on the box no one removed it after that and that the vessel foundered with the bilge box top in position.

By it developed, according to the testimony of Chief DeLaunay on recall, that two firemen left the engine room at a critical time. Chief DeLaunay stated, in effect, that they had the bilge, retracting, he supposed, to the upper deck or some other part of the vessel.

The inspectors wanted to know why DeLaunay did not have the men brought back and the chief replied that he looked about for them, but at that critical moment had not time to make a search for them; that they were green hands and would doubtless have proved of no great service in the handling of the pumps.

Replying to Capt. Whitney as to whether he considered the Clallam a well-built vessel, Mr. DeLaunay said: "I aimed to build an honest boat. She represented the best workmanship skill."

THE INQUEST.
Witness Says Capt. Roberts Was in a Frezyng, Acting Like a Madman.

Capt. Gaudin, local agent of the marine and fisheries, gave evidence regarding the efforts to secure assistance for the Clallam at the inquest being held before the coroner, Dr. Hart, yesterday. Capt. J. A. Thomson testified regarding the boilers and machinery of the lost steamer, which he had inspected, and two passengers recounted further details of the disaster.

The first witness called yesterday was the boiler inspector, J. A. Thomson. He inspected the Clallam on July 2nd. She had two Scotch marine boilers of the usual type, an engine of 60 horsepower. He detailed her pumps and said she could throw off four hundred tons of water with all her pumps in an hour. There were two hand pumps which could throw forty gallons a minute.

Provincial Legislature

Resumption of the Debate on the Motion to Grant Supply.

Mr. W. W. B. McInnes is the Principal Opposition Speaker.

Provincial Elections and Supreme Court Acts in Committee.

Mr. Speaker took the chair at 3:30 p. m. Prayers were read by the Rev. Dr. Campbell.

QUESTION OF PRIVILEGE.
Mr. Ross (Pernie) rose to a question of privilege in regard to a publication known as the Rossland Miner, which charge him with having declared in debate that the agents in the recent election were guilty of bribery. Mr. Ross said he was not a member of the Pernie club and was not giving the publication and its utterances more notice than they deserved, but he desired to state emphatically that he never saw or heard anything of the kind published in the Rossland publication during the debate, or at any other time.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE CONTRACT.
Hon. Mr. Green moved for suspension of the rules of the House in order to move the following resolution:

That a select committee of five members of this House, consisting of Messrs. Clifford, Ross, Young, McInnes and Munro, be appointed to enquire into the conduct of the architects employed in connection with the construction of Government House, city of Victoria, and into the charges made by Messrs. Thomas Hooper, Maxwell Muir and T. F. Dalton, in a memorandum attached to the petition of the Richard Drake for extra work done and extra material furnished in connection with the construction of said building; that said committee have power to summon witnesses and to call for papers, documents and records, and that the said committee report their findings and the evidence to the House.

The motion will be offered again on Friday next.

Mr. Oliver objected on the ground that he had received a petition from the architects on the board of arbitration urging immediate enquiry into all circumstances connected with the matter. He asked the Chief Commissioner to withdraw his resolution so that the whole matter could come up together.

The Premier also moved for the suspension of the standing orders and to appoint a select committee under which the hon. member for Lillooet now rested. Mr. Macdonald did receive certain money for services rendered to the government after his election, but this was not a matter of considerable extent. He had been elected by acclamation from his district, and he possessed the confidence of the electors of the district, and he would be in no position to say anything of the kind.

Mr. Stuart Henderson objected, and the Premier said in that case the matter would have to take the usual course.

PETITIONS.

The following petitions were laid on the table:

By Mr. J. A. Macdonald, from the Centre Star Mining Co. and others, asking amendments to the "Steam Boilers Inspection Act."

By Mr. J. A. Macdonald, from the Granby Consolidated Mining, Smelting & Power Company, Ltd., for leave to present a petition for leave to introduce a private bill to amend the "Steam Boilers Inspection Act."

Mr. Oliver presented a petition from Thomas Hooper and A. Maxwell Muir, asking for an investigation into all matters relating to the construction of Government House and the arbitration held in connection therewith.

Mr. Williams presented a petition from Jno. Gribble and others, residents of Cranberry district, asking for a grant for road construction.

Dr. Klig asked for the return of correspondence applied for last December concerning the Haddock Hotel, and the return of certain hotel licenses. The Attorney-General promised to attend to the matter at once.

MOTIONS.

Mr. Brown asked leave to introduce a bill entitled "An Act to amend the 'Land Registry Act.'". Read a first time, second reading next sitting of the House.

ON SUPPLY.

Mr. W. W. B. McInnes resumed the adjourned debate on the motion that "Mr. Speaker do now leave the chair." He complimented Hon. Mr. Tatlow upon his assurance that the last step in the financial question had been reached. The opposition had heaved a sigh of relief at the declaration, because the strain on their loyalty had been severe. To the people also the news came as a relief, for the people had been removing their monetary deposits elsewhere outside the province, merchants had been reducing their stocks, industry had been curtailed, and commerce had received a severe check. He cited one case where an investment of \$75,000 had been destroyed by the recent fire, and the loss had been a severe one. He did not enjoy a good reputation for excellence and coolness of judgment at any time; but it had a worse one. It would soon be impossible to get confidence in the province. He alleged that the government meditated the appointment of a royal commission to enquire into the financial position of the province. The time for that was before the new tax laws were passed. He charged the government with lack of capacity. He then reviewed the financial obligations of the province, fixed charges and so forth, and the estimated annual public and other works were smaller than since 1893. He thought this was as unreasonable as to expect the education of the province could be maintained this year on the 1893 estimates. He recalled that the legislature of 1893 when retrenchments were made, and asserted that the government following had to spend a much larger sum than was really necessary. He predicted that within a year from present date those expenditures would have to be greatly increased. He held that the people of British Columbia did not want parsimonious legislation. Had the estimated budget that estimates such as had been submitted, the financial minister's Conservative candidates would have been elected. The people did not want retrenchments of this kind, especially in the estimates for roads, trails and bridges. The estimates of the day did not provide enough money to keep those roads, trails and bridges. He believed that the opening up of a few main trunk mining trails on Vancouver Island would enormously enhance the wealth of the province. The difficulties and hardships encountered by capitalists or their agents in viewing those properties militated against the chances of success. He thought the financial minister's idea had been to even up accounts. That, he submitted, was not what was wanted. The aim should be to open up the province. There was no justification for the retrenchment which had been undertaken. He repeated some of his previous arguments in the first half of the present session; such as taxation of the E. & N. railway lands, the estimated loss of the province, and the fact that the province had been unable to make its own money. Another method was the alienation of the

RIFLE INVENTOR DEAD.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—Baron Von Mannlicher, inventor of the Mannlicher rifle, is dead.

FOUR MINERS KILLED.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 20.—By a cave-in of earth in the East Gray Rock mine, one of the Amalgamated properties, four men were killed and two injured. The men were working in the 1,400-foot level, when the hanging wall fell. The four bodies are under fifteen feet of earth and it will be hours before they can be reached.

IN CHAMBERS.

The following cases were argued in chambers yesterday morning: Richards vs. Williams, et al.; Twigg for plaintiff, Oliver for defendant; to dismiss action for want of prosecution, summons dismissed with costs. Davies, Sayward vs. Buchanan; Gregory for plaintiff, Wootton for defendant; to change venue. Stood over, first case on list next Monday.

MOTHER'S FEARFUL ACT.

Shoots Her Two Young Children and Then Mortally Wounds Herself.

New York, Jan. 20.—Mrs. Louis Mellon, 28 years old, residing at East Sixty-fourth street, was found mortally injured by a pistol shot at her home today. Her two children, Annie, aged 8 years, and Rosie, aged 7 years, were found dead, having been killed by pistol shot wounds. The woman, who lived alone, was found lying on the floor, having shot her children and then committed suicide. The bodies were found by firemen who responded to an alarm of fire in the apartment. A spark from the revolver, the authorities believe, may have ignited the furniture.

Common Ground

Against Anarchists

German Chancellor Will Not Interfere With Espionage Of Suspects.

Foreign Spies May Keep Foreign Agitators Under Their Surveillance.

Berlin, Jan. 20.—Baron Richtoff, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs, declared in the Reichstag today that the German government was aware that the Russian embassy employed an official to watch over Russian anarchists in Germany, but the government was not aware that German subjects were likewise under observation. The declaration was called forth by a statement of Herr Haahe, Socialist, that Russia employed a chief of spies in Berlin, and that this man was permitted to use German police agencies as though they were Russian, even to opening mails to Russians and to searching houses. Von Richtoff said he had no doubt that the Russian agents had committed crimes or attempted to persuade others to commit crimes. The chancellor continued the foreign secretary, did not intend to interfere, because he regarded it as inadvisable to do so.

Baron von Richtoff further said that the Russian government had obtained a similar bureau in Paris, and the Italian government had one in London. The government had inquired into the alleged burglarizing of the house of a German physician living in Germany by Russian agents, but had been unable to discover proofs. The secretary suspected other allegations rested on equally flimsy evidence.

The secretary said Herr Haahe had proposed that the government with long assistance to Russian agents. This he admitted, the government had no reason to protect the revolutionary subjects of a neighboring state. Common interests demand watching anarchists. The German government simply put troublesome foreigners over whichever frontier they regarded as most suitable. Baron Richtoff attempted to make clear the importance of such action, saying: "It has nothing to do at all with anarchy." Herr Haahe, the secretary, said that Russians came to Germany trusting to German hospitality. He said the secretary declared that the government did not feel in the least hospitably inclined to them. The quicker they left Germany the better the government would be pleased.

Herr Haahe said that Herr Haahe had assured him that what Germany regarded as anarchistic did not exist in Russia at all. Herr Haahe characterized the delivery of Russians whose only crime was disloyalty to their native political conditions to the Russian police to be transported to Siberia or indefinitely imprisoned as being barbarous. The German police, Herr Haahe asserted, searched the house of a Russian living at Charlottenburg on suspicion based on forged letters. The German government and the German Emperor had become "Russia's bootblack."

NEW MEDITERRANEAN LINER.

New York, Jan. 20.—The Hamburg-American steamer Deutschland, which sailed today for Naples and Genoa on her first trip on the Mediterranean route, carried over 230 passengers, among them being Seth Low, former mayor of New York, and Mrs. Low. The ship is the first of a new class of vessels, the Deutschland will make Genoa in eight days, the same time that it has ordinarily taken to reach Gibraltar.

NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

Halifax, Jan. 20.—(Special).—An official at the dock yards is in receipt of a letter from Portsmouth, England, signed by D. Munro, formerly of H. S. Crescent, which states that the North Atlantic and West Indies squadron will be further increased next spring by H. M. S. Brilliant and Blenheim, cruisers of a most modern and improved type. The letter also states that the result of the introduction of Chinese labor into the Transvaal.

AUSTRALIA'S SOUND ADVICE.

Federal Premier Warns Authorities at Pretoria of Curse of Chinese.

Melbourne, Victoria, Jan. 20.—The federal premier, Alfred Deakin, after a conference with the minister of New Zealand, R. S. Seddon, has cabled to the authorities at Pretoria to the effect that Australia, after an experience of years, is confident that the prohibition of Chinese labor is imperative in British communities expecting to enjoy responsible self-government. Premier Deakin added that he was reluctant to interfere outside of Australia, but the federal ministry was compelled to express deep apprehensions as to the result of the introduction of Chinese labor into the Transvaal.

ANOTHER DRIVERS' STRIKE.

St. Louis, Jan. 20.—Eight hundred hack and carriage drivers went on strike today to enforce their demands for \$12.50 per week pay, a 12-hour day, 2 cents an hour overtime and recognition of the union.

Viceroy Now For Peace

Admiral Alexieff Thinks That a Modus Vivendi May Be Arranged.

United States Condemned For Arranging Treaty Without Consulting Russia.

Korea Reported to Be in a State of Panic and Revolt May Break Out.

London, Jan. 25.—A despatch to Reuters' Telegram Company from Tokyo says the Russian reply is expected shortly and that it is believed will make some concessions, but it is doubted whether these will be sufficiently far-reaching.

The Port Arthur correspondent of the Daily Mail cables that he has had an interview with Admiral Alexieff, the Russian Viceroy in the Far East, who spoke hopefully of the possibility of arranging a modus vivendi with Japan. This diplomatic agent, M. Plaron, emphasizes the possibility of Russian evacuation of Manchuria, and said: "Orders were given six months ago to evacuate New Chang and Manchuria, but owing to intrigues of Japanese minister with the Wai Wu Fu (Chinese Foreign Board), these orders were countermanded."

M. Plaron declared the action of the United States in making a commercial treaty with China without Russia's consent under existing circumstances was unfriendly and undiplomatic. Russia, he said, would not open or allow consuls at Mukden and Antung under the present regime. If Japan wanted Korea, Russia, M. Plaron said, would not interfere, provided the Japanese allowed it, and he added: "Russia did not ask Japan's consent to occupy Manchuria, neither was it necessary for Japan to seek Russia's permission to establish a protectorate in Korea."

M. Plaron concluded saying the United States and other nations were more interested in the situation than was Russia. The correspondent adds that the United States government had quite upset Viceroy Alexieff's calculations. Island of Formosa, Jan. 25.—The Japanese armored cruiser Natsin, formerly of the Argentine navy, has arrived here from Suez. Seoul, Jan. 25.—Russia complains that Korean soldiers are causing trouble. Russian answers that Russia must not interfere.

The tension in Seoul is increasing and the native press which probably inspired it, is more bitter against foreigners than formerly. The Emperor's trusted advisers are holding daily council. The Russian and English are legation has increased their guard by sixteen. Japan is buying and storing much rice in North Korea. The Chinese trade is dead. The Korean general, Yungnam, whose sympathies are pro-Russian, has made veiled threats against foreigners.

Peking, Jan. 25.—Detachments of Russian troops at Chang Wang Tao and Shen Hai Kwan have been withdrawn to Manchuria. The only Russian troops remaining in this province is a small detachment at Tientsin and the legation at Peking.

Washington, Jan. 25.—The only advice received at the American State Department from the East came from United States Minister Allen at Seoul. He reported that Korea is in a panic condition and there is apprehension of a riot outbreak at any moment. The Russian and English are legation has increased their guard by sixteen. Japan is buying and storing much rice in North Korea. The Chinese trade is dead. The Korean general, Yungnam, whose sympathies are pro-Russian, has made veiled threats against foreigners.

Paris, Jan. 25.—There is strong belief that exchanges of communications are now going on between France and Russia concerning the position that Russia will finally adopt in response to the last Japanese note. Last conferences between Foreign Minister Delcasse and M. Nelidoff, the Russian ambassador are being held almost daily. Prior to these Russian hands and Russian France. It is understood here that the exchanges result from two considerations. Russia appreciating the decisive nature of the issues presented in Japan, has at last, desires to secure the advisability of her nearest political friend and ally. Second, France wishes to exercise her influence to prevent a war in which she might become embroiled.

One of the most prominent diplomats said today that Count Lamsdorff's task in answering the Japanese note is one of the most difficult he ever observed owing to Russia's dilemma due to her determination to firmly maintain her position, and at the same time comply with the Czar's desire for peace.

M. Delcasse's talks with members of the diplomatic corps during the last few days repeated his extreme desire for the maintenance of peace, and his advice to Russia undoubtedly followed the same lines. It is the general impression here that if war breaks out, the best diplomacy may not succeed in keeping France out of the embroilment. Therefore M. Delcasse is counselling for adjustment. Concerning the specific character of M. Delcasse's advice, the only guide is the note of 1892. The document refers to the purpose of the two governments to safeguard the integrity of China and approves the principle that China and Korea shall remain open to the commerce and industry of all nations.

THE ELECTION OF BISHOPS. Rome, Jan. 25.—The Pope has issued a personal order transferring the election of bishops who do not depend on the propaganda from the special commission of cardinals to the congregation of the holy office, of which the Pope is prefect.

NOTABLE WEDDING. London, Jan. 25.—H. F. Grierson, formerly of Chicago, Ill., and Rochester, N. Y., who was commander of Grierson's Horse in South Africa during 1881, was married in London to Mrs. Fitzgerald Creagh, widow of Major-General Creagh.

BURIAL OF MISS VAN HORNE. Body Interred at Joliet in the Presence of Sir William.

Joliet, Ill., Jan. 25.—The body of Miss Mary Van Horne was brought here from Montreal by Sir William Van Horne and was buried here today.

SMUGGLERS SENTENCED. Elmira, N. Y., Jan. 25.—In the federal court this afternoon the jury in the case of Frank Fisher, alias "Kid" West, May Simpson and Wm. Dingman, returned a verdict of guilty on all three charges of smuggling Chinamen into the United States, against West and Mrs. Simpson, and against the other two.

The jury recommended that West be shown Mrs. Simpson, Judge Hazel sentenced West to two years in the Auburn prison and to pay a fine of \$250. Mrs. Simpson was sentenced to two years in the Erie county jail and fined \$250. Mrs. Simpson fainted in the arms of a woman companion as the sentence was pronounced.

Brilliant Ceremony At St. Petersburg

Czar Performs the Solemn Religious Rite of Blessing the Waters.

Gorgeous Spectacle Presented By Gold Vestments of Clergy and Uniforms.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 25.—The Czar made his first public appearance this season at today's solemn ceremony of blessing the waters. In the orthodox church this rite is commemorative of the baptism of the Saviour. It occurred in an open chapel built on the quay extending from the Winter palace. It was preceded by a religious service within the palace, which was attended by the Imperial family, with the exception of the Czarina, whose condition was such as to make her unable to be present and the confidants, nobility and representatives of the foreign powers. The latter drove to the palace in great state, with outriders wearing the traditional hunting knives, belts, and streaming plumes, and the national colors. The scene outside the chapel was extremely impressive. The thermometer registered below zero and the atmosphere was clear. In the background was the sprawling, pink city square, over which the golden domes of the churches hung like golden bubbles blown against the blue sky. In front was the broad frozen Neva, the banks and bridges lined with thousands of people. The Czar, who was held back by a troop of mounted gendarmes, the bareheaded procession moved through double lines of Imperial guards, and a soldier guard from the palace to the chapel, with the cross of gospels held aloft preceded by the metropolitan and the higher clergy, in gold embroidered vestments, with church banners and followed by the secular and other court officials. Then came officers of crack regiments, without their overcoats, thus permitting a gorgeous display of uniforms, bearing the battle flags of the Empire. The guard was preceded by the Czar, who carried himself easily. He wore a simple uniform, that of the famous Preobrazhensky regiment, the cross of St. Andrew girding on his breast. This was his only decoration. The Czar, who held his helmet in his hand, looked strong and well.

A rocket screaming up from the middle of the river signified His Majesty's appearance, which was greeted by a salvo of artillery of 101 guns from the fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul, punctuated by the simultaneous chiming of bells throughout the city. The Czar had taken up his position in the chapel and the ice below had been broken, the metropolitan blessed the shoddy waters, and the cross was displayed three times.

Diplomatic corps, and the ladies of the court witnessed the brief ceremony from the windows of the palace. The Japanese minister, M. Kurino, was among these present. When the rite was finished thousands of people crowded the ice, and the Czar, who had taken up his position in the chapel and the ice below had been broken, the metropolitan blessed the shoddy waters, and the cross was displayed three times.

NEGRO QUESTION IN THE SOUTH

Governor of Mississippi Attributes Growing Criminality to Present Free Education.

Jackson, Miss., Jan. 25.—In his inaugural address delivered to day before a joint session of the Mississippi legislature, Governor James K. Vardaman declared that the growing criminality of the negroes committing criminal assaults and of the racial desire for social equality. In strong terms he declared that education is the cause of the negro race and urged an amendment to the constitution, that will place the distribution of the common school fund solely within the power of the legislature. Governor Vardaman said: "As a race he is degenerating annually every day. This demonstrated that he is more criminal as a free man than as a slave, that he is increasing in criminality with frightful rapidity, being one-third more criminal in 1890 than he was in 1880. You can scarcely pick up a newspaper with whose pages are not blackened with the account of unmentionable crimes committed by a negro brute, and his crime I want to impress upon you, but that manifestation of the negro's aspiration for social equality, encouraged largely by the character of free education in vogue which the state is levying tribute upon the white man to maintain. The character of the education for the negro ought to be changed. Wisdom would suggest that we see it we cannot improve him by educating him hand and heart. Hence, to build, or you cannot make a desirable citizen."

The governor also declared that the people of the nation should rise up and demand the repeal of the 15th amendment. Dover, Del., Jan. 25.—The Newcastle Presbytery has decided to try the Rev. R. A. Elwood, of Wilmington, Del., on charges in connection with the preaching of a sermon by him last June entitled, "Should the Murderer of Helen Bishop be Lynched?" It is believed that Mr. Elwood delivered a sermon at Wilmington which so worked up the people that next night a mob took out George White and burned him to death.

If you feel too tired for work or pleasure, take Hood's Sarsaparilla—it cures that tired feeling.

NANAIMO CITY NEWS. Poultry Association in Difficulty Owing to Non-arrival of Expert Judge.

Nanaimo, B. C., Jan. 25.—Mayor Maun left today for Victoria where he will attend the meeting of the tuberculosis association as the delegate of the city council. The Nanaimo Poultry Society, which opened its exhibition here yesterday, is in difficulties owing to the non-arrival of the judge, Mr. Sharpe Butterfield, who is on his way from Minneapolis and is on the delayed Pacific express on the C. P. R. Mr. James Chalmers, of Victoria, is judging the pigeons, but the local men are anxious that the great expert himself should look at their Rocks and Game birds, classes which were highly praised by Mr. R. Large, of Vancouver, who judged the show there last year and who stated that although he had visited many of the most important shows in the country, he had never seen finer birds than those displayed at Nanaimo.

Only three candidates are sitting here for nine managers' certificates, the examination for which commenced yesterday. The local post of the Native Sons have installed officers as follows: Chief factor, J. C. McGregor; first vice factor, A. J. Randle; second vice factor, J. McGill, financial-recording secretary, V. Stewart; treasurer, P. J. Macgregor; secretary, A. Smith; outside secretary, A. E. Hilbert; auditor, Will P. Norris; committee of management, H. L. Horne, James Hirst and George E. Norris; representatives to grand post, V. Stewart and J. E. Smith. At "at home," to which the pioneers were invited, is to be held February 16th.

A number of local vocalists have formed a minstrel troupe to be known as the "Mermaid Tones." Managers, Mr. P. Law is the chairman of the organization and Messrs. M. W. Jones and Bert Tulidge, are treasurer and secretary respectively. Mr. Tulidge is a recent arrival from Vancouver, where he is well known in amateur dramatic circles.

The local Conservatives will meet Jan. 28th for the purpose of choosing five delegates to represent them at the convention at Victoria.

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FATAIY BURNED.

White Plains, N. Y., Jan. 25.—Mary Gerr, a German youth died in the hospital here today from the effects of burns received at Hartsdale on Monday last. She was employed as maid by Mrs. Harvey Bassford, who is trying to catch fire from the kitchen range, was herself fatally burned, dying in the hospital Monday.

INSANE MAN'S DEED. Springfield, Mass., Jan. 25.—Attempted murder and actual suicide were the facts revealed by a fire at 120 Main street today, where David August Steinert and his wife, Pauline, two of the city's poor. The woman, who is seriously, if not fatally, burned, says her husband saturated the kitchen and living room with kerosene, set fire to the house and threw her to the floor, where he held her in the flames. She declares he was insane. Steinert's body protected that of the woman and she was burned but little externally. When he was found in his pain she crawled to the kitchen door and staggered, screaming, into the open air. Steinert was burned to death.

IMMIGRANTS FOR B. C. Party of Miners Arrive at Montreal en Route to This Province—Elections.

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Mr. Martin rose to his feet and said that he had nothing to appeal on. That a conviction had been entered and no evidence properly taken down in writing. That it was the most irregular proceedings he had ever heard of. The police court clerk said that he never wrote down evidence in summary cases. The magistrate said he was following the practice of the Vancouver police court, and had not looked the matter up. Mr. Martin produced the statutes to show that in summary cases the evidence must be taken down in writing and signed by the prisoner, witness and magistrate.

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It is probably that the city council next Monday night will again consider and revise the new theatre ordinance. A meeting between the theatre managers and a special committee of the aldermen will be held later in the week at which managers will announce that it is physically impossible for them to accomplish all that is required in making their theatres safe and reopen for the business of the season. It is said there will be a strong fight in the council before the action looking to further relief of the theatres is made.

David Jones, a mason foreman for the Fuller Construction Company, was the star witness of today's hearing before the coroner. Jones was the man who removed the skylight from the theatre on the Sunday following the fire and today he failed to make a satisfactory explanation. He stated that the Fuller people sent him to remove the skylight. He admitted the three ironworkers who went with him were from the Fuller Company. When asked why he removed the skylights he said they were afraid the glass would break and hurt somebody on the stage.

The witness then told how he had visited the attorney for the construction company on the morning following the day of his removal of the skylights. He was questioned as to whether he had talked with any official of the Fuller Construction Company between the time he removed the skylight and when he visited the company's attorney. He said he had never seen Superintendent Lynch. Henry H. Horne, chief of police, inspector for the city of Chicago, testified that the city had not issued a permit for the spot light in the Iroquois theatre.

The hearing of Will J. Davis and Harry J. Powers, managers of the Iroquois theatre, and Building Commissioner Williams, charged with manslaughter, will be continued until January 26th when evidence will be taken. The ill-fortune of Chicago theatrical people during the last few weeks was again in evidence at a fire in the Grand Palace hotel early today. Nearly 200 members of theatrical troupes were driven into the street by the flames. It was with difficulty that a panic was averted, and the frightened men and women assisted from the structure to safety. The fire originated on the second floor, where a gas stove had been left unattended, and went quickly up the elevator shaft to the top floor.

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FRASER RIVER SALMON.

The Seattle Post-Intelligencer, referring to our article of a few days ago on the proposal for the establishment of an international fish hatchery on the Fraser River, does not consider that our objections to the proposal are well grounded. Our contemporary recognizes that the salmon upon which the canneries on Puget Sound and vicinity mainly depend for their supply of fish, are bred in the Fraser River, and that this supply will inevitably run short unless means are taken to restock the waters of the Fraser River through artificial hatcheries. We do not think there is any difference of opinion between the Post-Intelligencer and ourselves. Whatever may be the view held by the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Ottawa on the subject, there is no question that the Provincial Government and those directly interested in this important Provincial industry are agreed that immediate steps should be taken to maintain—and, if possible, enlarge the source of the supply of fish by the construction of additional hatcheries. We are also glad to see that on the other side of the Boundary line the necessity for such action is so fully realized that it is suggested co-operation—financial or otherwise—should be forthcoming if necessary to ensure the carrying out of such an arrangement.

Having reached that position, we then arrive at a point at which there will probably be considerable divergence in the views held on the two sides of the line. It is felt by those interested in the industry in British Columbia that little advantage would accrue to the fishermen and canners in this Province from action taken to maintain, or even increase, the supply of Fraser River salmon if the fish should continue to be intercepted—as has been the case in the past—by the canners on Puget Sound. The result of this has been felt so seriously during the past few years by the canners in British Columbia that they have cast about for some remedy for the evil. It is this, that, to a great extent, has caused the proposal to be made that traps should be established at the most suitable point on the coast of Vancouver Island to capture the fish before they pass into American waters, and so preserve for our use the salmon that are bred in our water. The opinion that traps are probably a more effective and economical method of catching the fish than nets may, of course, have had something to do with the proposal. But it is doubtful if it would have been made but for the serious inroads made on the supply of fish by the canneries on Puget Sound which, from their location, have an advantage over the canneries on this side of the line. It will be seen, therefore, that the conclusion of some arrangement on this detail between the canners on both sides of the Boundary line is of the greatest importance to Provincial interests, and in the ultimate result scarcely less so to the canning industry on Puget Sound. The importance of not impairing the permanency of the fishery has always been regarded in this Province, and rigid regulations dealing with the manner in which it shall be carried on, including the establishment of a close season, have been formulated and are strictly observed. On the other side of the line we believe there are no such regulations, and the permanency of the fishery can scarcely fail to be threatened in consequence. It must be apparent, therefore, that the question of establishing more and larger hatcheries on the Fraser River is only one detail of the problem that our fishermen and canners have to solve and, under present conditions, perhaps, not the most important. The conclusion of a modus vivendi between those interested in the fishery in the two countries, whereby the opportunities for participation in it on something like equal terms would be secured to both sides, would be a most important step in that co-operation, which is certainly desirable.

While the Post-Intelligencer does not deny that the analogy we pointed out between the position Canadians might urge in regard to the salmon fishery and that taken by Americans in respect to pelagic seal fishing is a fair one, it says that we ignore the fact that the American contention was found to be untenable. But after such abandonment of it may have been formally admitted, we think we are correct in saying that Professor Jordan and other persons holding official positions under the United States Government, attempted to give practical effect to the doctrine by branding the seals, thereby destroying the value of the skins, and when that method was found difficult of accomplishment on a sufficiently large scale, threatening to kill off the whole seal herd rather than allow Canadians to find profitable occupation in the fishery. Now, in regard to the salmon fishery, we have no intention of suggesting methods analogous to that. We desire to maintain good neighborhood; we are willing and satisfied to share with our friends across the line in the profits and benefits that may be derivable from this harvest of the sea that Nature has provided. We will do our part in the establishment of hatcheries, but we ask for a fair arrangement and the maintenance of proper regulations in the conduct of the fishery for the common benefit.

PROVINCIAL INDUSTRIAL CONDITIONS.

The Bulletin No. 18, just issued by the Bureau of Provincial Information, on the "Industrial Conditions in British Columbia in 1903," will well repay careful perusal by anyone interested in any manner in the welfare of this Province. While it is too soon after the close of the year to give complete statistical returns in every case, the Bulletin gives a general and concise review of the industrial conditions prevailing in the Province during that period. It furnishes in fact a bird's eye view of the whole situation and should arouse such interest in those who peruse it that they will seek for more extended and elaborate information on any particular subject on which, from their concerns or connections, they are desirous of obtaining more information. It is satisfactory to be able to reach the conclusion from the contents of the Bulletin that, on the whole, the year 1903, notwithstanding some drawbacks and obstacles, was a period of general progress and that in almost everyone of our varied branches of industrial or commercial activity, the close of the year showed that a substantial advance had been made in it, and that the New Year found it in a better position for still further development than it had been twelve months before.

Everyone will agree that in the past labor disputes have seriously interfered with the progress and prosperity of the Province, and the early months of the year 1903 witnessed a repetition of such things in more than one line of industry. Happily these disturbing elements disappeared as the year advanced, and it closed under more auspicious circumstances. The great mining industry, which is unquestionably destined to prove to be the backbone of British Columbia's prosperity, has, on the whole, had a satisfactory year, although during its course it experienced many vicissitudes and fluctuations and passed from almost a state of stagnation to a position of comparative prosperity and the New Year opens with unexampled activity in nearly all the mining districts. There is every reason to believe that during the ensuing year further progress will be made and the industry be placed on such a stable position that it will be free from the disturbing elements of various kinds that have so hampered it in the past. An output of 1,276,000 tons of ore in the metalliferous mines, and of 1,686,149 tons in the coal mines, and an aggregate value of \$19,200,000, are results that, under all the circumstances, are matters for congratulation.

The past two years have been a period of wonderful activity and development in the lumbering industry, and it is doubtful whether any industry in this or any other Province ever passed from one extreme to another as lumbering in British Columbia has done from the extreme depression of a few years ago to the prosperity it enjoyed in 1903. While the successful operations induced a too rapid increase in the number of mills during the close of the year, with the result that the production more than equaled the consumption, that condition will be only temporary, and lumbering here is bound to increase in volume and form one of the most important of Provincial industries.

The salmon pack was one of the disappointing features of the year, and British Columbia was not alone in this experience on the Pacific Coast. The results last year may lead to steps being taken to improve the position of the fishery and so turn the disappointing experience then gained to good results. Perhaps agriculture, on the whole, has recently been the most prosperous of Provincial industries. The last ten years have witnessed a marvelous change, both in the situation as a whole and in the personal fortunes of the individuals comprised in the various agricultural districts in the Province. Particularly has this been the case in regard to dairying and fruit raising. Nor is there any reason to think that the extraordinary advance made will not be maintained and continued at even a more rapid pace in the next few years. Dairying—thanks to the establishment in several districts of creamery companies—has practically been revolutionized in its methods, and has furnished many farmers with a source of revenue that has been of the greatest utility to them. But dairying is still in its infancy. The home market is steadily growing, and it will be some time before the home supply will meet the demand. The same remarks will apply to fruit raising, a branch of the agricultural industry that has come into practical existence on a commercial basis only within the past eight or nine years. It is now firmly established, and while an increasing population at home demands a constantly increasing supply, the markets abroad have potentialities the extent of which are not yet sounded.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

MARINE CERTIFICATES.

Sir,—I regret that my letter re certificates should have been misconstrued. In case the gentleman who has honored me with a reply should be the only one to misunderstand me, I wish to explain. I stated that my letter was not to belittle in any way the masters of this coast, many of whom are friends of mine. The point that I wished to convey was not that the men holding coasting certificates were not better men than those holding marine certificates, but that the service and experience of three years only (which is all the Dominion government requires) was inadequate for the positions they could hold and to put marine officers and others on their guard to avoid further depreciation of the grade, as there is a movement on foot now in Eastern Canada by an association formed to shorten the service for marine engineer, and our turn may come next.

MASTER MARINER.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

The assay building of the Daily Colonist Co., was destroyed by fire on the 5th inst. at noon. The fire was caused by the gasolene becoming overheated and starting its jets of flame about the room. There was no stopcock on the feed pipe. Loss \$1500. The foundation for a new structure was laid the next morning after the fire. Work on the new building to the Nickel Plate mine is nearly done; the flume is also nearing completion and the stamp mill is expected to be in operation by the first of March.—Similkameen Star.

William J. Herring, an inmate of the Provincial Home, died at that institution on Sunday, 17th inst., aged 64 years. He entered the Home in January, 1903, coming here from Nelson, where he had worked as a janitor. He was well known in New Westminster and Victoria, and was for a

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If misfortunes never come singly, it may also be said that in mining to the lucky prospector finds never come singly. Last week P. L. O'Connor and Monte Morgan, two of the locators of the Lucky Jack, struck another bonanza near town, and judging from the samples exhibited in this office Sunday, the new discovery should show as well with development. There are two 5-foot leads, showing clean free-milling ore so far as they have been stripped, with a good tunnel site in which to tap the ore bodies at depth. It has not yet been decided to develop the property this winter.—Poplar Nugget.

The five bars of gold which were on exhibition in the window of the Canada Trust & Co., on Thursday attracted a great deal of attention. The bars were the result of the run for the month of December at the Eva mine. The value was in the neighborhood of \$1,000, and the weight about 52 pounds.—Nelson Economist.

The big hydraulic companies operating on Wild Horse creek are making extensive preparations for work next season. An order has been placed for 25,000 feet of lumber, and a large force of men are now engaged in getting out logs and sawing raffles.—Fort Steele Prospector.

Last Sunday was a sad day for Cranbrook, as the news of the disaster to the steamer Chatham was confirmed that day, and the people assured that the tidings of the death of Mrs. S. E. Bolton, sister of W. F. Gurd, was a fact. To everyone the information was a severe shock, and during the day sad countenances and tearful eyes could be seen on the streets and at the churches.—Cranbrook Herald.

THE WRECK OF THE CHATHAM.

(From S. F. Call.)

Some damaging evidence against the master of the steamer Chatham, which recently foundered in the Gulf of Georgia, is being adduced in the coroner's inquest now being held in that city. The testimony of two of the passengers who were saved from the wreck does not paint a very favorable picture of the hero of the sea as the earlier account of the disaster suggested. According to their testimony after disposing of the women and children in the lifeboats, from which they were subsequently lost, his chief concern seems to have been to save his vessel. He therefore kept all the male passengers and crew on board to help to free the vessel of water which poured into her hold, and finally carried her down. These witnesses say that no signals of distress were hoisted and that no request was made to master of the tug which finally came to the Chatham's relief to take off its passengers when their transfer could have been made.

This damaging testimony must be taken conservatively, however, as the distress of the Chatham was witnessed from the shore and the Victorian tabloids attempted to reach her many hours before she foundered, but being unable to face the gale they were forced to return to port to insure their own safety. However, much of the responsibility for the magnitude of the disaster may have been due to the captain's solitude to save the steamer, it is very evident from the details given of her last hours that she was not the kind of vessel to be employed in the trade in which she was engaged. She was a frail vessel at best. This was partly proved by the smashing of one of the dead ends of her hull, which was said to be the original source of the disaster. But if the leak had been confined to that it could have been sufficiently excessive by the spreading of canvas or the tarpaulin over the breach to have kept her afloat long enough to enable her to reach port in safety. She was, however, structurally so weak that all of her seams appear to have opened, causing her to leak like a sieve. When that happened her case was hopeless.

The fate of the unlucky craft proves, however, that no vessel built as lightly as the Chatham was fit to navigate the Gulf of Georgia, which, with the exception of Cape Flattery and the mouth of the Columbia, is perhaps the most stormy bit of water on the northern coast in winter. These storms are trying to the sturdiest seagoing craft. The Chatham was really a fair-weather boat, carrying on her upper decks a tremendous amount of top lumber. She was good enough for sheltered waters where the water is smooth and lapped, but entirely unsuited for rough seas and heavy gales.

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Annual Meeting.—The First Presbyterian church annual congregational meeting will be held this evening in the church hall, Blanchard street, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Married Yesterday.—Mr. James Olson and Miss Violet Clark were united in the holy bonds of matrimony last evening at 8 o'clock at the residence of the bride's father, W. H. Clark, 68 North Pembroke street, by the Rev. J. P. Westman.

Ladies Invited.—It is hoped that every subscriber to the funds of the Tourist Association will make it convenient to attend at the City hall to-night to hear the report of the executive, and that they will bring the ladies with them. The report will be an exhaustive one, and will deal with many matters of public interest, while the statement of accounts will give some idea of how the finances have been managed in connection therewith.

"Joan of Arc."—The date for the singing of A. R. Gault's cantata, "Joan of Arc," has been definitely decided upon. The concert will be given in the Metropolitan Methodist church, Government road, on February 23rd next. Mr. Wm. Hicks, conductor, held a most successful practice on Tuesday evening last, at which much good preparatory work was done. The soloists for the work are: Soprano, Mrs. W. E. Green; tenor, Mr. H. Ives, and bass, Mr. Gidcock Hicks. They will be supported by a well-trained chorus of 65 voices.

The Jubilee Singers.—Many Victorians are awaiting with pleasurable anticipation the appearance at the Metropolitan church on Monday evening next of the Pisk jubilee singers. The company is still under the direction of Mrs. Cole (Maggie Porter). The preservation of her voice is remarkable, and is one of the marvels of the company's career. Mrs. Cole is still leading soprano, and undoubtedly the best of the Jackson band most of the credit for the fame achieved by the company in early years. This is perhaps partly accounted for by the fact that Mrs. Cole was originally a slave and that true soul sings her songs.

Farce Comedy.—"Are You a Mason?" the farce that has kept Americans laughing for the last four years, is accounted one of the best pieces of dramatic property of the day. The situations are ingenious, and even ordinary dialogue resulting from the cleverly contrived intricacies is humorous. The original cast, consisting of two couples, has been engaged, and a smooth presentation has been the result from the first night. The piece has been given an elaborate scenic investiture, and every-thing necessary for a complete production is carried by the company. "Are You a Mason?" will be seen here at the Victoria theatre Monday evening next.

Letter of Thanks.—Fred Langton, of the Y. M. C. A., has received a letter from John Kirk, of the Ragged School Union and Shaftesbury Society, in which the writer says: "Have fixed the British Columbia dinner for Wednesday evening 21st, at the Assembly room, Bedford Green, where we shall entertain 200 children and tell them of their kind friends away in beautiful Victoria. I am giving a similar dinner in another part of London for New Zealand friends, also one for South Africa, and one for Australia, so hope to do a little toward joining together the various sections of the Empire. Thank all who so kindly assisted us in helping the homeless children of our large city."

Ladiesmith Notes.—The fact that business at Ladiesmith is rapidly improving is testified to by the large number of commercial travellers that daily visit the town. New buildings are speedily being erected, both residential and business, in fact everything denotes that the town is again going ahead. Mr. Dan Nicholson is now enlarging and improving the Oddfellows' hall, and when the work is completed Ladiesmith will be able to boast of a very commodious hall indeed. It is hoped that some good traveling theatrical company will visit the town, and that the accommodation can be provided for them. The hall will be first opened on Friday evening, when a grand benefit concert will be given.

Eastern Visitors.—Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Norquay, of Winnipeg, are sojourning at the Vernon hotel. Mr. Norquay is the second son of the Hon. John, who for twelve years presided as Premier over the destinies of the Manitoba legislature, and up to the time of his death held the honorable position of leader of the great Conservative party of the prairie province. Mr. and Mrs. Norquay had intended visiting San Francisco and the United States, but as Mr. Norquay is anxious to reach home before the taking place of the elections at the next month, he is afraid they will have to confine their visit to British Columbia and the United States.

Mining Convention.—The members of the Victoria branch of the Provincial Mining Association met this week making preparations for the annual meeting, which will be held, through the courtesy of the Board of Trade, in the Board of Trade rooms on Monday evening next. The attendance of members and citizens generally is desired, as the meeting will deal with many important matters, including the election of officers for 1904, and the appointment of committees to make arrangements for the second annual convention, which will meet in this city on February 22nd. All who desire to become members of the association should hand in their names to any of the following: Hon. J. H. Macdonald, president; Dr. T. J. Jones, vice-president; Frank I. Clarke, secretary; Joshua Kingham, treasurer; H. B. Thomson, James Patterson, N. S. Clarke, A. E. Macdonald, A. J. Morley, J. W. Bodden, W. H. Langley, council.

Admiralty Court.—On Friday next at 11 a.m. the Admiralty court will sit before the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin, assisted by two judicial assessors, Commander Parry, of H. M. S. Egeria, and Commander Sandeman, of H. M. S. Grafton, who will advise the court on whatever matters of seamanship may arise during the trial of the action of the Vermont Steamship Company v. the barque Abby Palmer, of about 1,700 tons. The plaintiffs, owners of the steel screw steamship Vermont, of 2,723 tons, claim the sum of \$25,000 in damages, claiming that it is due to their exertions that the United States barque was saved when in a distressed and perilous condition off Cape Flattery, and flying the signal of distress, the United States cutter rescued it. It is alleged that a big gale was blowing, part of the time at the rate of sixty miles an hour, and that a tremendous sea was running, which rendered the salvage undertaking for over two days a particularly dangerous one. The defence is chiefly that the barque was not in a helpless condition, that she could have saved herself, that the Vermont ran no risk and that the amount claimed is excessive.

Drill Hall Concert.—Basketball will be the extra attraction at Saturday evening's band concert. The contesting teams will be the Y. M. C. A. and James' Bay. Some excellent games are being put up by the senior leagues this season, and it is said that this game will be no exception to the rule.

Declined a Commission.—Gordon Smith, of the Colonist staff, who has recently offered a commission as a member of the staff of correspondents of the London Daily Mail at the front in the event of war between Russia and Japan, has declined to accept the proffered post.

Woman Missing.—Mrs. J. Smith, who resides at 150 Pandora avenue, is missing from her home, and her friends are anxious as to her whereabouts. She left the house yesterday afternoon between 1 and 2 o'clock, and the most diligent search has failed to find any trace of her. The city police are assisting in the search.

Sale of Stock.—The poundkeeper has posted a notice to the effect that on Friday of next week at the city pound, Chambers street, at the hour of noon, he will sell by public auction ten head of stock, including two steers and two dry cows, with bells on, one Jersey heifer about two years old, unless the said animals are redeemed in the meantime.

Was Laid Over.—At a meeting of the Vancouver Board of Trade, held on Tuesday evening, in connection with the request of the Victoria Board of Trade that a congress of the provincial Boards of Trade be held at a time mutually convenient, and not less than once a year, Mr. Leckie said it would be better if constructive action could be taken on any subject of general interest. The matter was laid over to the meeting of the board on the 2nd of February.

Was Dismissed.—The case of Look Don, a Chinese merchant charged with fraudulently diverting and using electric light of the B. C. Electric Railway Company, was concluded in the Police court last evening after having been before the court on several different days since the first of the year. Police Magistrate Hall dismissed the charge as the defence proved that, while there was a 32-candlepower light used in Look Don's premises, the same was not connected to a 10-candlepower, that the accused had no knowledge of such fact and that this was the only light which was wrongfully used. A. E. McPhillips, K. C., appeared for the B. C. Electric Railway Company, and Geo. A. Murphy for the defence.

Burns' Anniversary.—A rehearsal of the part songs for the Burns' anniversary concert was held by the choir of the First Presbyterian church last night. The choir is being assisted by a number of the best choristers in the city, and will number about forty voices all told. They have been working hard for about a week, and under the excellent leadership of Mr. J. G. Brown, who is a good account of themselves. One of the numbers, "The Rising of the Clans," by Rossini, is a soul-stirring selection, and as this is the last of the Burns' anniversary songs, it was much to be regretted that the choir could not have been present to sing it on hand early, so as not to miss this treat. Mr. Brown has made a practice for the last sixteen years of starting singing on the first of the month, and the result that those who attend know and act accordingly. The programme is one of the best that Mr. Brown has gotten up for these affairs, and from a musical point of view, would be hard to excel.

Next.—The following with reference to a gentleman well known in Victoria is taken from the Similkameen Star: "Sitting around the fire in friendly chat, the other evening, Robert Stevenson, who has had more hairbreadth experiences as a fearless frontiersman than any man now living in B. C., told of having met a cold wave in the early days of his career, and how he was caught in a black pine cabin when in the night the thermometer fell to 100 below zero inside the cabin and 60 below outside. He says black pine draws the cold and he ate breakfast in the morning and was in a state of mind and four pairs of pants. In spite of his three-core-ve years, Mr. Stevenson is as fresh as a daisy, his first monstache curls just as it did when first he had a sweetheart some 30 years ago. He hasn't got an enemy in this or any other world. Today he is driving a tunnel in the Jubilee on Copper mountain and will be worth a million when the railway comes."

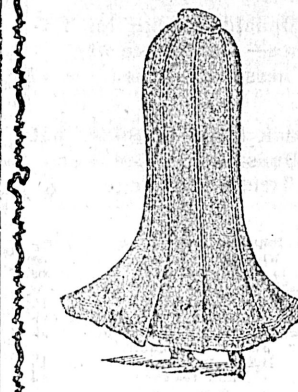
Presentation.—The I. O. O. F. lodge room was last evening the scene of one of those happy affairs which help to bind closer the bonds of fraternity and strengthen once again the innate good of the human heart. At the close of the meeting of Columbia Lodge the members gathered round the social board and partook of the refreshments provided. The presentation of a memento after which the chairman, Bro. J. H. Collins, N. G., called upon Bro. A. Henderson, P. G. M., who, in a neat speech, presented Bro. F. Taylor, an old hand of the lodge, with a beautiful set of ivory-handled cutlery, consisting of a double set of carvers and two dozen knives, in a handsome case, on which was engraved the triple links and the following inscription: "Presented to Bro. F. Taylor, P. G. M., by Columbia Lodge, No. 2, I. O. O. F., January 20, 1904." The recipient was taken completely by surprise, but responded very feelingly, thanking the members for their kindness and for their appreciation of his humble efforts on behalf of the lodge. Songs, recitations, etc., followed, and the meeting adjourned at a late hour, after singing the national anthem.

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Large Attendance of Mourners at Interment Ceremonies Yesterday.

One of the most largely attended and impressive funerals which has taken place in Victoria for many years was that of the late A. R. Milne, C. M. G., late collector of His Majesty's customs, were laid in their last resting place. The interment was under the direct auspices of the local Masonic lodges, of which deceased was, in his life, a shining light and energetic worker, and besides the Masons, who marched in a body, there were also in attendance the members of the local Oddfellows' lodge, the Knights of Pythias, the custom-house staff and prominent members of the Board of Trade. The wealth of floral offerings indicated very plainly the high esteem in which deceased was held in the community.

At 2.15 the cortege moved from the family residence to St. John's church, where impressive services were conducted by His Lordship Bishop Perrin. The church was filled with mourners, and the casket was borne down the aisle to the front between rows of Masonic brethren, who were drawn up on either side. In attendance at the church were the members of the Chinese Benevolent Society, who accompanied the cortege to the cemetery, where the Masonic burial service was conducted by Rev. Ensor Sharpe.

The following were the pallbearers: Angus McKeown, R. B. McKie, D. W. Wilson, E. Crow Baker, W. Dalby and J. S. Clute.

ASSEMBLY DANCE.

All Arrangements Completed for a Thoroughly Good Time.

The pupils of Mesdames Dickinson and Simpson's evening classes will give one of their charming assembly dances next Thursday evening, January 21st, in the Assembly Hall, Fort Street. Programs will be provided. Plans of the orchestra will furnish the music. Refreshments will be served during the supper extras. No invitations are being sent out as Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. Simpson will receive their guests at the door. It has been decided that the popular prices will be charged.

By one glance over the following programme of music every lover of good music will see that the numbers are all well chosen, arranged from the dreamy waltz to the flighty two-step.

- PROGRAMME.
- Waltz Good Old Winter Time
 - Lancers The Smart Set
 - Two-Step Dreamy Eyes
 - Waltz Crown of Beauty
 - Ram King Dodo (from opera)
 - Two-Step Horse Marine
 - Waltz As a Dream
 - Waltz Chord
 - Two-Step The Thoroughbred
 - Waltz Florinda
 - Supper Extras 1, 2, 3, 4
 - Waltz Dandy (new)
 - Waltz In Dahomey
 - Lancers The Military
 - Waltz Calantha
 - Two-Step Laughing Water (new)
 - Ram Burgomaster (from opera)
 - Waltz Heart Courageous
 - Two-Step A Francesca
 - Waltz Adieu

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**The Tourist Association of Victoria, Ltd.****SECOND ANNUAL MEETING**

The annual meeting of the members of this Association will be held on Thursday next, January 21st, at 8 p.m., in the City Hall. It is hoped that all subscribers and intending subscribers will be present. Business: To receive the annual report and statement of accounts, to adopt bylaws and elect officers for ensuing year.

CHAS. HAYWARD, President.

HERBERT CUTHBERT, Secretary.

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Public Notice

On and after today, Monday, 4th January Mrs. M. A. Farrington's Cut Flower Store and Office, 104 Government street, will be closed. All orders for Floral Designs, Cut Flowers and Plants, will be promptly attended to if left at Dixie H. Ross & Co.'s Store, or at the Greenhouse, Esquimalt road (Fairview Nursery). Orders promptly delivered to any part of city. Phone 219.

Before taking stock, B. Williams & Co. are selling Fancy Vests and Smoking Jackets at Half Price for Cash. Big discounts on all lines the order of the day. B. Williams & Co.

The New Turkish Baths are now open in the Driard Hotel basement.

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Diamonds of the First Water.—At the auction sale of jewelry on Saturday at Stoddard's about \$5,000 worth of diamonds of first quality, free from flaws, besides a quantity of rubies, sapphires, emeralds and turquoise will be among the goods offered by public auction. Lovers of the rich and beautiful make a note of it.

"Miss Pause hasn't what one would call an expressive face." "Except to those who can read between the lines."—Brooklyn Life.

On Time!

Punctual people must have good time-keepers to enable them to keep their appointments. If yours are not giving satisfaction let us see them and give you an estimate of the cost of repairing them, and guarantee to give satisfaction, and our charges are very reasonable. If your clocks are out of order we will send for them and return them when repaired. If you notify us that you wish to have them attended to.

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He says he has been "Down in the Meadow Where the Green Grass Grows" looking for "Dora," whom he had last met at "The Altar of Friendship" while "No One Was Looking But the Owl and the Moon." She had promised to meet him "in the Spring Time When the Lilies Bloom," also "The Violets," but "There Are Two Sides To a Story" and with him it is now "Only a Dream of the Golden Past." He expects to go "Where the Silvery Colorado Winds Its Way," in company with "Mr. Dooley," the "Gambling Man" who declares "If Only Had a Dollar of My Own," "Then I'd be Satisfied With Life." To be continued "In the Sweet By-and-Bye." All the Latest Sheet Music.

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PEDEN'S

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Victoria Mariner's Search For Gold

Capt. C. H. McLeod, Formerly of Danube, Has Exciting Voyage in Hattie L. M.

Princess Beatrice Inaugurates Her Seattle Service—Aorangi Is Due.

Capt. C. H. McLeod, whose arrival at San Francisco was noted in the Colonist's despatches a few days ago and who was well known in Victoria as the sailor poet, when he was master of the steamer Danube and afterward master of the ship Rufus E. Wood, did not find the gold-laden beach that he sought near Cape Horn, whither he went in the schooner Hattie L. M. from Halifax, but he had an exciting time. Capt. McLeod, after sailing a steam launch in Victoria two years ago, retired from the sea, and going to Halifax he organized the Pioneer Exploration Company, and the little two masted schooner Hattie L. M. set sail from Halifax on the 17th of last March, with fifteen treasure-seekers on board. The schooner crossed the line and all went well until the vessel was off Montserrat. Then a fierce storm came upon them, and Sir Ashley Cooper, one of the party, was washed into the sea and lost. More trouble came when the schooner poked her nose among the glaciers in the Strait of Magellan. First the captain with a knife, but was prevented from carrying out his purpose by the prompt action of the other party who went down with a revolver. That night the entire party remained awake, armed with revolvers, prepared to meet the enraged pilot, who had threatened the lives of all hands. The following day the pilot was taken ashore and left to shift for himself. In the Cape Cove the next mishap came. The schooner ran ashore and was floated with difficulty.

Off Ushuaia, the Argentine patrol colony in Terra del Fuego, the second outbreak occurred. The pilot of the schooner, Sanvelich by name, attacked the captain with a knife, but was prevented from carrying out his purpose by the prompt action of the other party who went down with a revolver. That night the entire party remained awake, armed with revolvers, prepared to meet the enraged pilot, who had threatened the lives of all hands. The following day the pilot was taken ashore and left to shift for himself. In the Cape Cove the next mishap came. The schooner ran ashore and was floated with difficulty.

Then the voyagers became anxious and asked the captain to lead them to the spot where their dreams were to be realized. He put them off with promises, and suggested an exploration of the most interesting land. The little schooner was followed, and the Hattie L. M. was run into all the little bays and inlets, where the men hunted, fished and studied the natives. They nursed the visions of the shining nuggets and when they tired of the quest they returned to take them to Raffles bay. With one stroke the skipper's tale was proved true. The captain had painted the attractive picture he had painted. He admitted that the gold was not there and confessed his deception.

Only the presence of conservative spirits among the party saved Capt. McLeod from being marooned on the bleak coast which he had gilded with gold. Open threats were made, but the captain armed himself and the plan was abandoned. The schooner put in at Ushuaia, and there the party disbanded and the schooner was sold.

Thompson and MacManus, two Nova Scotians, who arrived at San Francisco on the Kosmos liner Mera, resolved to investigate the story of McLeod, and in a small boat rowed through the Strait of Magellan to Raffles bay. Their prospecting tour proved the captain's tale to be pure fiction, and the quest they returned to Punta Arenas, where they took ship. Both men were sadder and wiser when the Mera arrived. McManus had the following to say regarding his experience: "We were deceived by Capt. McLeod. Our adventures in the southern land were too numerous to mention. The trip was filled with dissensions and differences, and our visions vanished in air. I am rich in experience, but my pockets do not contain the wealth that I had hoped for."

SIMLA ARRIVES.

The Vessel Reported Wrecked Is Safe in Port.

The British bark Simla arrived on Tuesday at Port Townsend after a voyage of nineteen days from San Francisco. The ship was reported to have been wrecked on the Vancouver Island, but for some time there was excitement among coast shipping men as a result. The Simla's master was unable to give any idea how the reports of the wreck could have originated. The Simla was off Cape Flattery a week ago, but was blown off shore by a southeast gale.

The Simla proceeded to Port Gamble yesterday to load lumber for Sydney. The master says he at no time was in any danger of grounding.

MARINE NOTES.

Steamer Amur left last night for Skagway and the Queen City for the West Coast.

Steamer Aorangi is due today from Australia via Honolulu. The sternwheeler Edwood, which went ashore six miles from Tacoma, has been floated and towed to that port.

Six Doctors Failed to Cure Him.

ERYSIPELAS AND SALT RHEUM WAS THE TROUBLE.

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Mrs. Theo. Newell, Argyle Sound, N.S., expresses her opinion of this wonderful blood remedy in the following letter:

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SPORTING NEWS.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

On Saturday next it is expected that the undecided game between the Colonists and the Victorians will be played. That match decided the series for the provincial championship will be played, the first match being scheduled to be played at the Caledonia grounds on Saturday week. The winners of this series will play the winner of the Nanaimo-Ladysmith matches at Nanaimo. The following is the full local series agreed to:

January 30th—Garrison vs. Victoria, at Caledonia grounds.

February 13th—Garrison vs. Columbia, at the Barracks.

February 27th—Victoria vs. Columbia, at Caledonia grounds.

March 5th—Garrison vs. Victoria, at the Barracks.

March 12th—Garrison vs. Columbia, at Caledonia grounds.

March 19th—Columbia vs. Victoria, at Caledonia grounds.

BASKETBALL.

On Saturday next the Fernwoods of this city will play the Sixth Regiment team at Vancouver. This will be the return engagement of the match played at the Drill hall on the 5th inst., when the local team won easily. The Vancouver team have been practicing steadily and expect to turn the tables on their opponents.

ATHLETICS.

By kind permission of the officer commanding the troops at Work Point, the J. B. A. A. have been enabled to conclude arrangements with Sergt. Dunn, R. G. A., to give instructions in physical culture and boxing.

Sergt. Dunn's charge immediately and classes have been arranged for Monday and Friday afternoons from 4 to 6, and Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 8 to 10, commencing Monday, the 25th inst.

This is a splendid opportunity for the members to get a thorough course in physical culture, and those wishing to join these classes (which the committee have arranged shall cost nothing additional to members) are requested to be on hand either Monday afternoon at 4 or Tuesday evening at 8. The afternoon class will be especially adapted to accommodate junior members, although any of the members wishing to join the afternoon class can do so.

Seek Increased Accommodation

Trustees Will Meet With Mayor and Aldermen to Discuss Educational Needs.

New School For Victoria West and More Accommodation in Central District.

At the meeting of the school trustees board held last night the chairman, Trustee George Jay, who was elected on motion of Trustees Dr. Hall and Mrs. Jenkins, was requested to arrange a meeting with the mayor and aldermen at as early a date as possible to discuss the necessity for increased school accommodation in the central portion of the city, and also for a new school for Victoria West.

The question of increased school accommodation for North ward was considered. A letter was read from Heisterman & Co., agents of the Keating building on the corner of Queen's avenue and Douglas street, offering to lease the building for the first two years and \$55 a month for the remaining three years, all repairs and alterations to be made at the expense of the board and the premises to be placed in the same condition as at present on being vacated. Architect Muir reported on the building, enclosing plans for alterations to make eight class rooms and a teachers' room, and cloak room. He thought it advisable to alter only the ground floor into three class rooms, with teachers' and cloak rooms, at a cost of \$300 and other changes, including lining the walls, painting of partitions, arrangement of entrances were also reported on, these changes to cost an additional \$225. Referred to the building and grounds committee.

Architect Muir reported that a fire escape for North ward would probably cost \$175. Trustee Boggs suggested that tenders be called, and Trustee Lewis said that two escapes were necessary for that building, one at each end and one was necessary for the Boys' Central. Trustee Dr. Hall thought the whole matter of fire escapes should be considered and tenders could then be called for all needed. He considered a good fire drill was better than erecting escapes for children, well trained, would by use of the drill get out of the building quicker than by fire escapes. Trustee Mrs. Jenkins thought fire drills were imperative. The North ward school being the only three storey building was the only place where fire escapes were needed now. Escapes were needed at each end.

Returning Officer W. W. Northcott reported declaring the election of Trustees Mowat, Lewis, Boggs and Mrs. Jenkins. Received and filed.

A letter from Miss Russell, asking that her piano in use at Spring Ridge school, which had been damaged by dampness be turned, was referred to the building and grounds committee. The chairman, Trustee Jay, appointed the following committees: Trustees Lewis, Hall, Alfred Huggert and R. S. Mowat; building and grounds, Trustees Mrs. Jenkins, Beaumont Boggs and E. A. Lewis. The committees will meet to select their chairman.

The board resolved itself into committee of the whole to discuss the estimates and the preliminary arrangements for the school budget were considered.

EPHYPANY SERVICE.

Programme of Music to Be Followed in St. Barnabas' Church.

Following is the programme of music to be followed at the Epiphany service in St. Barnabas' church, this evening at 8 o'clock, under the direction of the organist and choir-master, Mr. H. P. Johnson:

Organ Prelude—Meditation in F.....

Solo—Master J. Barton.

Antiphon—Fear Not, Lord.....

Bass Solo—Mr. H. Moxon.

Chorus—Be Glad Then Ye Children.....

Organ Solo—Sonata.....

Field Allegro—Mr. H. Moxon.

Allegro Vivace.....

Mr. Jesse Longfield, L.V.C.M.

Bass Solo—The Plains of Peace, Barnard.....

Mr. H. Moxon.

Tenor Solo—If With All Your Hearts.....

Mr. E. Godson.

Violin Solo—Remembrance.....

Thelma.

Soprano Solo—The Better Land.....

Cowan.

Miss Deaville.

Bass Solo—Fear Not O Israel.....

Buck.

Mr. Gideon Hicks.

Hymn—.....

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Address—Ven. Archdeacon Scriven, M. A.

Offertory Hymn.....

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Organ Postlude.....

Gavotte in F.

Processional Hymn.....

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Stock Taking Sale this Week

Proceedings in The will Case

Dr. McDonald Finishes his Evidence—Three More Witnesses Examined.

Mr. Frank Little Testifies That A. Dunsmuir Walked Over Trent River Bridge.

In the Supreme court yesterday morning the will case of Alexander Dunsmuir was again resumed. Dr. Carlos McDonald, the New York insanity expert, was re-cross-examined by E. P. Davis, K. C., after which further evidence was taken on behalf of defendant Mr. James Dunsmuir.

Mr. F. Bullen was called by E. P. Davis, K. C., and testified that he had done business with Alexander Dunsmuir from 1880 to 1888. He was a business associate when he was at Victoria, and saw him at San Francisco in February, 1897; he was at the Grand hotel. Witness was there about three weeks. Alexander Dunsmuir was in bed and witness saw him nearly every day. Witness wanted his assistance in securing contract for repairing the ship Glory of the Seas. Through Alexander Dunsmuir's assistance witness secured the contract.

Alexander Dunsmuir told witness that he was feeling very poorly and he felt he was not long for this world, and he showed a disposition to leave his business to witness and his wife. Witness and Alexander Dunsmuir were very friendly from 1892 on. Witness last saw him in 1898 at Victoria, both in his office and also at the club.

When witness saw Alexander Dunsmuir at the Grand hotel his speech was as it had ever been. He did not mutter and spoke intelligently. Witness was practically living in the Union Club in 1898, and so saw Alexander Dunsmuir there frequently.

Mr. Davis asked witness which was the controlling mind in the business, Alexander or James. Mr. Bodwell objected, and Mr. Davis re-asked the question in several ways, eventually requesting the stenographer to look up the question asked Mr. E. J. Palmer, which was suggested by his own counsel. The question could not be found, but his lordship allowed it to be put as originally formulated by Mr. Davis.

Witness replied that, as far as his business with the two brothers, he was feeling very poorly and he felt he was not long for this world, and he showed a disposition to leave his business to witness and his wife. Witness and Alexander Dunsmuir were very friendly from 1892 on. Witness last saw him in 1898 at Victoria, both in his office and also at the club.

Mr. Bodwell cross-examined. Witness said the Dunsmuirs had no interest in his business. Witness generally did the Dunsmuirs' work here because he was the cheapest. Alexander Dunsmuir had an arbitrary manner, and expected witness to do his bidding. Witness did not drive any hard bargains with witness. Any work he did for them was on a fair basis. It appeared to witness that when Alexander Dunsmuir was here he expected witness to do his bidding. Witness saw Alexander Dunsmuir frequently between 1894 and 1897 regarding assistance in securing ships for repair.

Between 1894 and 1897 witness never had any difficulty in seeing him at his office. He was generally sober. Witness heard he had been drinking heavily but did not know it of his own knowledge. He looked like a man who drank. He had heavy eyes at times and a very red face. Witness met him at the Union Pacific Club, San Francisco, in 1896; witness was not put up at the club in 1897. Witness did not know Alexander Dunsmuir was not a member in 1897.

Witness did not notice any difference in physical appearance of Alexander Dunsmuir between 1896 and 1898. Could not say that he saw any difference between 1896 and 1898.

When Alexander Dunsmuir told witness he should give his money to James he also said he would not leave any money for his sisters' husbands to spend. Witness had heard of Mrs. Wallace but did not know her. Alexander Dunsmuir did not recollect any other person being spoken of then in connection with his property disposition.

Witness could not remember whether Mrs. Wallace was in and out of the room on the occasion of this conversation.

Witness said nobody could persuade Alexander Dunsmuir against his will if he was the man witness knew him. Re-directly examined by E. P. Davis, K. C., witness said there was no change in Alexander Dunsmuir's manner, dictatorial or otherwise, from first to last. When the Joan was built by the Albion Iron Works in 1892, Alexander Dunsmuir did all the business.

Re-cross-examined by Mr. Bodwell, witness said Alexander Dunsmuir was the only person of the firm with whom he had any business in connection with the Joan. He was there three or four times. Alexander Dunsmuir paid for the steam launch and the Iron Works lost \$14,000 on the contract.

H. Maurice Hills was called by Mr. Luston, and testified that he is at present employed on legal work in R. Dunsmuir & Sons' office here. Will of 1898 was received by him, and witness identified his signature as witness.

Witness said on the evening of the day on which the will was signed he met Alexander Dunsmuir in the passage of the Union Club. Alexander asked him to come into the strangers' room. Witness refused to go in, and Alexander said he wished to sign it. Witness said he could not unless another witness was present. Witness then went out and got Mr. Robert Cassidy, K. C., to come in, and both of them witnessed the will. Alexander Dunsmuir was not intoxicated; he spoke clearly.

The court then adjourned for lunch.

After lunch Mr. Luston asked witness how long he had been employed by R. Dunsmuir & Sons. He replied, since 1894.

Cross-examined by E. V. Bodwell, witness said he was not admitted to the strangers' room in 1896, but previous to that did legal business for the firm. Witness had no business to do with Alexander Dunsmuir in the work at the office. Witness had one meeting, in the year 1898, with Alexander Dunsmuir before the will incident; it was when both of them were going to the races; he had not been drinking that day. In witness' opinion, Alexander Dunsmuir did not look "off." He showed signs of dissipation; he was too puffy. He looked as if he drank more than the average man. His carriage and walk were upright; witness never noticed that he walked differently from any other man.

Witness knew of the will of 1899. Witness had a conversation with defendant respecting will of 1898 after the death of Alexander Dunsmuir. Witness advised defendant to retain the will of 1898 because he had heard that the sisters were very much dissatisfied with the terms of the will of 1899 and might contest its validity.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K. C.,

also cross-examined. Witness said he met Alexander Dunsmuir accidentally at the club; there was no previous arrangement. Had heard that Alexander Dunsmuir had been drunk in the club after supper.

E. P. Davis, K. C., laid an objection against Sir Charles examining this witness, and therefore, to every question asked.

Witness said one reason why he remembered the conversation was because it was resurrected in his memory during probate of the will of 1899. Also the fact that Alexander Dunsmuir had asked witness his opinion of a legal document drawn by another solicitor. The first time it came to witness' attention again was sometime in 1900.

Witness said his informant regarding the projected litigation between the sisters and James Dunsmuir was a lady since deceased. Witness could not remember the date of the conversation, but he could remember the place and hour of the day.

Witness told Mr. Dunsmuir about the rumor, and witness asked him if his sisters had not better be told that the will of 1899 was merely signed on account of Alexander Dunsmuir's marriage having made the previous will (exactly similar) invalid, and that, under no will, were they the beneficiaries.

Witness and Robert Cassidy, K. C., compared notes as to the incident six weeks ago in the strangers' room at the Union Club. Their recollection differed in only one point, viz., as to whether Mr. Cassidy read the will aloud or not.

E. P. Davis, K. C., filed certain papers from San Francisco, viz., petition for probate, appointment of James Dunsmuir as executor, admission for probate, plea for admission and plea for discharge.

E. V. Bodwell, K. C., objected, as the documents could not be proved.

Mr. Davis read authorities to prove that documents of foreign courts proved themselves if they bore the seal of that court.

Mr. Frank D. Little was called by E. P. Davis, K. C., and testified that he had lived in the city of Columbia forty years. Witness said he is general manager of the Wellington Collieries. Knew Alexander Dunsmuir for about thirty-eight years. Witness knew him well. Had been connected with him since 1892. Witness met Alexander Dunsmuir at Comox in August, 1896. Alexander Dunsmuir was there on a fishing trip. Had personal conversations with him during that time. He told witness he intended leaving everything to his brother James. Met Alexander Dunsmuir again in Comox in 1897. He had lunch at witness' house. Met Alexander Dunsmuir near Comox in September, 1898. Witness met him at Union wharf, twelve miles from Comox. Went from wharf to Trent river bridge, four miles away by locomotive. Mr. Lewis went along. The bridge was just finishing repairs. Alexander Dunsmuir walked across alone, no one else. The bridge is over ninety feet high and over 100 feet across. Alexander Dunsmuir had no difficulty. He also walked back each time on the bridge ties. He walked all right. Noticed nothing wrong with his speech.

Witness never saw Alexander Dunsmuir intoxicated and never heard him muttering. Never saw him drop food over his clothes. His conversations were business-like, and intelligent. They were coherent and connected. There was no difference in earlier and later years.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper, K. C., cross-examined. Witness said he was at Wellington until 1888 and then went to Victoria. Witness saw Alexander Dunsmuir one day in 1898, one day in 1897 and one week in 1896. Witness remembered the conversations in 1896 and 1898. Had been thinking that since Mr. Lewis went along the bridge was just finishing repairs. Alexander Dunsmuir walked across alone, no one else. The bridge is over ninety feet high and over 100 feet across. Alexander Dunsmuir had no difficulty. He also walked back each time on the bridge ties. He walked all right. Noticed nothing wrong with his speech.

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Witness represented Mr. James Dunsmuir on the boards of the various companies. Witness did not take any conversations over with Mr. Luston and defendant. The conversation of 1896 was when out in a small steamer on the lake at Comox. Alexander Dunsmuir was not drinking. Witness had been told that Alexander Dunsmuir drank heavily by defendant, who said he wished he would stop. Defendant never complained about his brother's management of the San Francisco business.

Witness only went to San Francisco once in 1897. Witness kept in touch with the Victoria office.

Sir Charles asked witness if he stuck to his replies regarding the Trent river bridge. He had measured it himself. It broke down two months before Mr. Alexander came to the bridge.

The court then adjourned until this morning at 11 o'clock.

CHOSE A SUITABLE TEXT.

"Dr. Thirdly is certainly an up-to-date clergyman," said Fosdick.

"So?" said Keedick.

"Yes, sir. One of his parishioners was killed by the explosion of his automobile and the doctor took for the text of his funeral sermon the Bible at 3rd of Kings, chapter 19, verse 1, 'I will be a chariot of fire.'—Smart Set.

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C. H. DICKIE.
Duncans, Jan. 17th, 1904.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the License Commissioners at the next sitting of their board for a transfer of the license issued in name for the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors by retail at the Victoria Theatre building, Imperial Hotel, on View and Douglas streets, of the city of Victoria, to Jacob J. Schmidt, of the said city of Victoria.

Dated at Victoria, this 15th January, 1904.

JOHN H. GOSNELL.

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A reward will be paid at the Bank of Montreal, Victoria, B. C., for the recovery from this date until the 24th inst., of any Victorian lost in the "Challam" disaster. 18th January, 1903.

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Leave.	Arrive.	Leave.	Arrive.	Leave.	Arrive.
	A. M.	P. M.		P. M.	P. M.
Victoria	8:00	12:00	Victoria	8:00	7:00
Shawnigan Lake	10:20	10:20	Shawnigan Lake	8:40	8:40
Duncan	11:00	10:00	Duncan	9:00	8:00
Ladysmith	11:57	9:10	Ladysmith	9:05	4:00
Nanaimo	12:40	8:20	Nanaimo	9:41	3:15
Arv. Wellington	12:43	8:00	Ar. Wellington	7:03	2:00

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